

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 27, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6800.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6800) granting a pension to Anne Mattocks, have examined the same and report:

Your committee adopt the report of the House committee as their own and report the bill favorably, recommending its passage.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6800) granting a pension to Anne Mattocks, submit the following report:

Anne Mattocks is the mother of Ichabod W. Mattocks, who enlisted in September, 1861, in Company A, First Vermont Cavalry, and died July 15, 1864, of wounds received in action.

It appears that while home on furlough in the spring of 1864, he married a woman who was recognized by the Pension Office as his widow, and was paid a pension until her remarriage in May, 1865.

Having left a widow surviving him, the mother's claim had to be rejected by the Pension Office. The claimant was deserted by the father of the soldier as early as 1845. She obtained a divorce from him in 1852, and has remained single ever since. Another son died while in service, and the third son contracted disease in the Army and died from its effects after discharge.

Anne Mattocks was supported by her sons, the one on whose account she claimed pension being the principal contributor, as it appears from the evidence on file. She has by her own efforts managed to eke out an existence, but being now 76 years of age has become dependent upon her friends for support.

Your committee are of opinion that the case is meritorious, and therefore report favorably on the accompanying bill, and ask that it do pass.